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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This in response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2001. A Request for  
Three Month Extension of Time accompanies this request thereby extending the due date  
from January 26, 2002 to April 26, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 67 and 68 as follows:

67. (Amended). An isolated and purified amino acid comprising SEQ ID NO:16  
and fragments thereof.